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to: The Director

FROM: GACarver, Jr.

SUBJECT: The Persian Gulf-Indian Ocean Basing
Issue

REMARKS:

1. Attached are two documents you probably should scan before your 1330 lunch:

a. A precis [] of the J-5's current Persian Gulf-Indian Ocean planning.

b. A note I am sending to Admiral Hannifin forwarding some preliminary comments (prepared by [])

2. The current JCS plan is innocent of political reality. Quietly laying in a support structure that would facilitate future U.S. action in the area is one thing; an elaborate base system leading to a new U.S. unified command is another. The former does not necessarily entail the latter, but this is a point of logic our military colleagues do not seem to comprehend. If we go full bore, we might stimulate (as a reaction) the very kind of Soviet presence/threat this plan is designed to counter.

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